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CLAIMS

1. An implantable medical device system, comprising:
an implantable medical device generating uplink telemetry transmissions and receiving downlink telemetry transmissions; and
an external medical device for receiving uplink telemetry transmissions from the implantable medical device, generating downlink telemetry transmissions to the implantable medical device, and transmitting data to a home appliance, wherein the external medical device further includes a communication interface for establishing a communication link for transmitting data to a home appliance equipped with a compatible communication interface for receiving transmissions from the external medical device;
a home appliance responsive to transmission received from the external medical device.
2. The implantable medical device system according to claim 1, wherein the home appliance is an electronic audio/visual appliance including any of a television, a stereo, or a video recorder.
3. The implantable medical device system according to claim 1, wherein the home appliance is a personal computer or associated auxiliary component including any of a printer, an electronic storage medium, a modem, a monitor, a speaker, or a personal digital assistant.
4. The implantable medical device system according to claim 1, wherein the home appliance is a personal communication appliance including any of a cellular phone or a fax machine.